

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Rend Lake Watershed (Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, and Marion Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water
will hold a public meeting on

Monday, March 6, 2017 (3:00 pm)

at the

***Rend Lake Golf Course Banquet Meeting Room
12476 Golf Course Road
Whittington, Illinois***

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to 7 waterbody segments within the Rend Lake Watershed. The segments and potential causes of impairment are: Big Muddy River (Dissolved Oxygen*), Gun Creek (Iron, Dissolved Oxygen*), Casey Fork (Dissolved Oxygen*, Fecal Coliform), Snow Creek (Dissolved Oxygen*), Rend Lake (Total Phosphorus), Lake Benton (Total Phosphorus), and Ashley Reservoir (Dissolved Oxygen*, Total Phosphorus). In addition Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) has been developed for Total Suspended Solids and Sedimentation/Siltation.

This report includes watershed characterization, data analysis, pollutant loading capacity analysis, LRS, and an implementation plan that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards.

*No TMDL developed for this parameter

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (such as total phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on potential Section 319 nonpoint source Best Management Practice projects that could be included as part of the implementation plan in the final draft Stage 3 report. The draft Stage 3 report for Rend Lake Watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at Mt. Vernon City Hall and Rend Lake Conservancy District during business hours.

Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Trevor Sample by phone at 217-782-3362 or email Trevor.Sample@illinois.gov or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, April 6, 2017. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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